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# NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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#68-69

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## FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) today announced approval of a \$1,510,262 grant for the completion of the new 9,500-foot parallel jet runway at the James M. Cox Dayton Municipal Airport.

The grant is one of seven for Ohio airports in the Federal Aviation Administration's fiscal 1969 Federal Aid Airport Program.

Whalen said the Dayton allocation is the largest of the seven and amounts to more than half of the total of \$2,739,926 for the entire state.

The funds are applicable to the clearing of approach and transitional land, the paving and marking of the new northeast-southwest runway for a length of 9,500 feet and a width of 150 feet, a parallel taxiway, a taxiway to the apron, a connecting taxiway and holding aprons for both ends of the runway.

The grant is to be matched by local funds on a minimum 50-50 basis.

Whalen said he was "delighted at the selection of Cox field for the fiscal 1969 program. With these funds and other preparations already in progress, the City of Dayton hopefully will be able to begin paving this September and open the new runway by September, 1969."

He said the new runway will enhance the airport's capability substantially both in traffic handling and in non-stop flights to points as distant as Europe.

"Further, this addition will enable Cox field to handle any aircraft

now in existence or on the drawing boards, including the so-called 'jumbo jets' of the Boeing 747 class which may carry as many as 400-500 passengers," Whalen said.

With the new construction, the Dayton airport will have three runways. The existing two are both 7,000 feet long and lie on headings of northeast-southwest and north-south.

The FAA plan shows allocations nation-wide of \$74.7 million for construction and improvement of 397 public civil airports.

The funding includes \$67.7 million to improve 356 existing airports and \$7 million to construct 41 new public airports.

The FAA received a record 773 requests for fiscal 1969 totaling more than \$392 million.



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